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## **MEMORANDUM**

**MEETING DATE:** February 25, 2022

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AGENDA ITEM NO.: 17

**CAPTION:** Project No. 51841 – Relating to Electric

Service Emergency Operations Plans.

(Proposal for Adoption)

**DESCRIPTION:** Correction Memo

## Public Utility Commission of Texas

## Memorandum

**TO:** Chairman Peter Lake

Commissioner Will McAdams Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty Commissioner Lori Cobos

**FROM:** David Smeltzer, Director of Rules and Projects

**DATE:** February 24, 2022

**RE:** February 25, 2022 Open Meeting – Agenda Item No.17

Project No. 51841, Review of 16 TAC §25.53 Relating to Electric Service

Emergency Operations Plans

Commission Staff modifies its recommendation for the Commission's final order in Project No. 51841 as follows:

On page 41, line 20, replace "subsection (d)(4)" with "adopted subparagraph (c)(4)(C)". This change is not substantive and merely reflects the correct location of the relevant requirement in Staff's recommended rule language.

On page 83, modify the paragraph that begins on line 21 as follows:

The commission declines to delete the proposed requirement as CenterPoint, ARM, and TCPA recommend. The commission also disagrees with ARM and TCPA that requiring NIMS training for specific personnel is unnecessarily burdensome. NIMS is a widely adopted national emergency management program among governmental entities, and the proposed amendment appropriately limits the requirement to emergency management personnel who are designated to interact with local, state, and federal emergency management officials during emergency events. The proposed requirement has existed since the last time the rule was amended in 2014 under paragraphs (c)(1)(L) and (h)(3)(K). Retaining these This provisions strikes an appropriate balance between ensuring entity emergency preparedness and over-prescribing requirements for the same. NIMS is a widely adopted national emergency management program among governmental entities and the proposed requirement appropriately limits the requirement to emergency management personnel. The commission notes this This requirement is adopted as clause (c)(4)(C)(vi) in the final rule.

This change removes preamble language that incorrectly suggested that NIMS training requirements applied to retail electric providers under the preexisting version of §25.53.